

MESSAGE *from the Dean*

DEAN KENNETH B. DAVIS, JR. INTRODUCES
THIS GARGOYLE AND RECALLS HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 2000



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GREETINGS to all our alumni and friends, as we complete the year 2000 and look forward to 2001. Once again, I am pleased to introduce a *Gargoyle* full of interesting features:

- Our “Student Life” section includes three more interviews of talented and focused UW Law students who are already making their mark and contributing to the world around them.
- We have created a new section, “Admissions Updates,” to keep our readers informed on the numerous ways in which our Office of Admissions seeks out and recruits some of the nation’s finest prospective law students. In this issue, we share fascinating facts and figures on the students who have just matriculated: the entering Class of 2003.
- The featured faculty writer in this issue is Professor John Kidwell, a specialist in Intellectual Property. Professor Kidwell’s after-the-fact diary shares his inside view of the way the Intellectual Property field has developed in the last 30 years.
- Law School Distinguished Alumnus Charles F. Luce (‘41) delivered the Convocation Address to our entering class this fall, and we are pleased to share the text of his speech with *Gargoyle* readers.
- Our thriving clinical offerings take center stage in the “Law at Wisconsin” section, with a special focus on the Frank J. Remington Center. We interviewed 10 students who participated in the clinic, and we think you will be interested in this “students’ eye” view of the clinical experience.

Turning to other Law School spheres, I am happy to report a splendid turnout for Reunion 2000, held in early September here at the Law School. Law grads from the classes of 1950, ‘55, ‘60, ‘65, ‘70, ‘75, ‘80, ‘85, ‘90 and ‘95 enthusiastically renewed old acquaintances and cheered the Badgers on to victory against Oregon. It was a great pleasure to see so many alumni—some familiar faces, and some new to me. Many thanks to those of you who joined us for this special event; thanks, too, to those of you who generously participated in your reunion gift, a welcome addition to our Annual Fund. If your class year ends in “1” or “6,” mark your calendar today for your class reunion this year: September 7 and 8, 2001.

On page 43, you will see a discussion of “Assessment 2000,” our extensive survey of employers and recent graduates. I want to express my deep thanks to the Benchers Society for funding this important study, and to everyone who contributed time and thoughtful comments. A very special thank you, too, to the coordinator and prime mover of the survey, Carolyn Lazar Butler (‘79), for her tireless and well-organized efforts to bring this project to fruition. We now have a wealth of data to consult as we work to keep our curriculum responsive to the needs of our current graduates and their employers.

As I write these words in the closing days of 2000, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many alumni who support our Law School. In these challenging years when the percentage of the Law School budget that comes from state dollars continues to decrease, it is through the generosity of alumni that the Law School can continue to thrive. Private giving plays a crucial role in recruiting and retaining the best faculty and the best students, and providing those learning experiences that make the UW Law School unique. If you have not yet made a gift to the Law School, I hope you will consider doing so.

It has truly been a good year for your Law School. We have worked together, planned together, and shared meaningful discussions and good times with our friends and alumni. I want to wish every member of our extended community an excellent 2001. ♦